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1935 ARKANSAS TRIAL PIECE

1935 Arkansas commemorative half dollar impression of the reverse die on a thick bronze planchet. This piece was struck to determine in what place the mintmark would be best located. A small incuse "S" mintmark appears about one-eighth of an inch from the R in HALF DOLLAR. The "S" is reversed as it was impressed directly on the trial piece with the mintmark punch—the same punch used to place the "S" on the coining die.

To our knowledge, this piece is unique. Here is a coin that would make an exhibit all by itself. If you desire the unusual in American numismatics, this is it. — $250.00

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This issue of Empire Topics features a large and varied selection of items for sale. In addition to our regular offering of United States coins you may find some of the special collections to be of interest. If your interest lies with American colonial coins we offer a complete collection of Nova Constellatio coppers for your consideration. One of the largest, and certainly one of the finest, collections of Civil War cents ever to be offered is listed also. If you are from New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan or Wisconsin you will find a specialized collection of Civil War cents from your home state.

Slated in the immediate future for Empire Topics is an article about colonial coins by one of the country's foremost numismatic writers, Eric P. Newman. Also coming are articles about gold coins, the Confederate States of America coinage and proof coins—among others. Issue #7 will try out a completely new idea for a coin quiz—we think you'll like it. Issue #7 will also contain complete prices realized of our March 31st auction. Watch #7 and other future issues for more numismatic research information, too.

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As always, this issue features coins for sale in all series, conditions and price ranges—something of interest for everyone. Remember—at Empire Coin Company, Inc. satisfaction is guaranteed.

QUESTIONS FROM READERS

Under Lot #81 in your auction last issue you mention that the Lafayette dollars were coined in 1899. If this is so, why weren't they dated 1899 instead of 1900?

The Lafayette commemorative dollars were struck in 1899 to coincide with the one-hundredth anniversary of Washington's death on December 14, 1799. The entire authorized issue of 50,000 pieces was struck at the Philadelphia Mint in a single day from one press. The first specimen coined was placed in a presentation case and given by the mint director to President William McKinley who, in turn, sent it to the president of the French Republic. An earlier private offer of $5,000 for the first Lafayette dollar struck had been made to Mint officials but was refused.

The date 1900 appearing on the coins represents the date of the unveiling of the Lafayette Memorial in Paris.

The Lafayette dollars were offered to the public at a price of two dollars each. 11,000 remained unsold at the offering price. These were later melted, leaving a net coinage of 36,000 pieces.

Is the 1868 large cent listed in the Adams-Woodin reference a true pattern? How much is it worth?

The 1868 large cent to which you refer (Adams-Woodin 703) does not logically fall into the pattern series. The only difference between an 1857 large cent, for instance, and the 1868 large cent is the date. As large cents were officially discontinued eleven years earlier in 1857 and as no further coinage of large cents was being considered, we would not call the 1868 large cent a pattern. It would more properly belong in the class of coins such as the 1913 Liberty nickel, 1801 dollar and the 1884 and 1885 trade dollars—coins which were struck at the Mint without authorization in later years to provide rarities for collectors.

As to the value of the 1868 large cent we have no basis on which to make an estimate. To our knowledge none have appeared in auctions or have been publicly offered for sale within recent years. We would estimate that fewer than five or six specimens are known. The American Numismatic Society collection has one of these.

Does the 1869/8 Indian cent exist in Proof condition?

We have never seen or heard of an 1869/8 Proof cent. Apparently only one obverse die was used for the striking of Proofs, and this was not the overdate. Interestingly enough, there are some overdate coins in Proof condition. The most familiar of these is, of course, the 1887/6 nickel three cent piece. The 1819/8 half dime and the 1823/2 large cent also are found in this condition. The 1823/2 large cent in Proof condition has been reported to us. We have never seen one.

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COLONIAL AND STATE COINS

Massachusetts Bay Colony

1652 Pine Tree Shilling Variety Noe 19 Fine Scarce 12.50

Mark Newby (New Jersey) Coinage (1678)

Halfpence Abt Good Scarce 7.50

Farthing Very Good 7.50

Hibernia (Wood's Coinage)

1723 Halfpenny Very Fine $5.25, Choice EF 8.00

Virginia

1773 Halfpenny No period after GEORGIVS VG 3.75

1773 Halfpenny Period. VG $2.25, Brilliant Unc 15.50

New York

Rare Bolen copy Obverse standing Indian, Reverse George Clinton Extremely rare muling Brill Unc 35.00

1787 NOVA EBORAC Liberty seated facing left. A well-struck, well-centered Extremely Fine specimen A really choice coin 25.00

Vermont

Listed by Ryder numbers

1785 Ryder 2 Sun over mountains, eight trees on ridge. VERMONTS Very Good $ 7.50

1786 Ryder 6 VERMONTENSIUM VG $6.75, VF corroded $12.00 VF slightly off-center 20.00

1786 Ryder 8 VERMONTENSIUM double cut 1 in date Fine 18.50

1786 Ryder 9 Baby head. VG but on a defective planchet (usual with this variety) Rare 12.50

1786 Ryder 11 Bust left Very rare variety VG 22.50

1788 Ryder 25. VG obv G rev. once cleaned 6.00

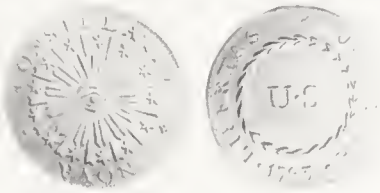
1788 Ryder 27 Good 1.50

Massachusetts

1787 Half Cent Ryder 1-D, rare Good, slightly off-center 5.00

1787 Half Cent. 2-A Very Fine, attractive 19.75

NOVA CONSTELLATIO COPPERS



We are pleased to offer this superb collection of Nova Constellatio coppers containing each and every die variety known including the rare 1786. This collection was carefully formed over a period of years by Richard Picker, well known specialist and dealer in colonial coins It consists almost entirely of top-grade coins many from the collections of Brand, Hall Chapman, Hines and others One glance at this collection and its condition will reveal that no efforts were spared in its formation Each coin is attributed, weighed and classified according to die state Following is a summary of the pieces contained in the collection. Crosby numbers are used for classification

1783 coppers

1-A Four specimens of this variety illustrating four different die states.
2-B Six specimens illustrating six different planchet sizes and weights.
3-C Five specimens, each a different die state

1785 coppers

1-B Three coins, each one a different die state
2-A One specimen only of this rare variety
3-B Eleven specimens, eleven distinct die states
4-C One coin, very rare
5-D Five specimens, five different die states and planchet weights. Crosby considered 1-D to be the rarest Nova Constellatio copper
6-E Four coins, four die states.

1786 copper

1-A One specimen in well-worn condition but with the date fully readable In our opinion, the 1786 is the rarest coin of the series There are not more than five specimens of this great rarity available This is the first we have handled

This magnificent collection of forty-one pieces is offered intact The buyer will receive various photographs and notes on the series compiled by Mr Picker Your inquiries are invited

Massachusetts, continued

1787 Half Cent. 1-C Extremely Fine sharp 17.50

1787 Half Cent 5-A Extremely Fine Several dozen minute pitting spots on obverse Perfect reverse 7.50

1787 Cent 2b-C Scarce variety VG $7.00, Choice Very Fine 17.50

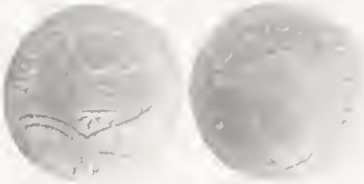
1787 Cent 3-G Var with period before COMMON Very Good 3.75

1788 Cent. Crosby 9-M (not listed by Ryder) Differs from Ryder 9-M The bottom of the bow is double cut, rays of the star point at the Indian's eye and below his collar — entirely unlike Ryder's 9-M Rare Fine condition 10.00

1788 Cent 11-I Abt. Good $2.00, Very Good. 5.00

1788 12-I Rare variety Very Good 15.00

New Jersey



Listed by Maris numbers

1787 Maris 6-C. About Good, rare variety. 1.00

1787 6-D Fine $1.50; AU, rev edge imperfection 17.50

1786 14-J Irregularly shaped shield. Good 1.50

1786 15-J Abt. Good 2.00

1786 15-L Good, scarce variety 1.75

1786 15-T Rare. Good $8.00; Fine 15.00

1786 16-J Very rare. Very Good condition. 52.50

1786 16-L Protruding tongue variety. Fine. 5.50

1786 17-B Good 2.75

1786 20-N Wide shield Abt Good/Good. 3.00

1786 21-N Very Fine 12.50

1786 23-P Small shield. Fine 5.00

1786 25-R Narrow shield Very Good. 1.00

1786 24-R Extremely rare variety. Very Good. 15.00

1787 29-L Abt. Good, impaired. Scarce variety 2.00

1787 30-I Good 3.75

1787 32-T Good. 3.00

1787 33-U Scarce Abt Good. Several edge impairments. 3.00

1787 33-U as above. Good/VG. 6.25

1787 34-J large planchet. Fine 7.75

1787 34-V Very rare variety. Very Good. 22.50

1787 37-Y Rare variety. Good. 6.75

1787 38-Z Good/VG. Scarce. 8.75

1787 38-b Extremely rare Good. VG 15.00

1787 38-c Fine-Very Fine 9.75

1787 38-Y Very Good $5.75 Fine 5.00

1787 39-a VG $5.75, Abt Good, struck in brass 1.75

1787 42-c Good Extremely rare. 17.00

1787 43-Y Fine. Extremely rare 27.50

1787 43-d Abt Good $2.00 Good $5.75 Very Fine 9.25

1787 46-e VG $5.75, Very Fine 9.75

This listing of New Jersey cents by Maris numbers will be continued in Empire Topics #7.

Connecticut

The following Connecticut copper coins are listed by Miller numbers from Miller-Ryder's "State Coinage of New England"

1785 Miller 1-I Bust right Small figures in date Good, rare 00

1785 3½-L Bust right Very Good, rare. 7.00

1785 4¹-F¹ African head Sharp VF obverse, Fine reverse 8.25

1785 7¹-D the rare head of 1786 (bust left) variety Good plus. 12.00

1786 2¹-A small baby head facing right. ETIIB INDI reverse. A product of Machin's Newburgh, N. Y private mint, scarce, Fine. 17.50

1786 5¹-G Bust left. Very Good plus. Sharp, full figures in date 6.00

1786 5¹ obverse. Brockage of the obverse die. (obverse incuse on reverse) G-VG, a few imperfections Scarce error 15.00

1787 1¹-A Small head facing right A product of Machin's Mills in Newburgh Scarce Good $4.00; Fine $17.50; Extremely Fine 25.00

1787 4-L Horned bust variety. Very Fine. 9.75

1787 6¹-M Laughing head Fine. 6.00

1787 8-O Abt. Good scarce. 2.50

1787 9-R. 1787/8 "overdate". Final 7 cut over a previous erroneous 8. VG-Fine. Rare 29.50

1787 11¹-I Mailed bust left Very Good plus 3.50

1787 12-Q reverse with 1787 over 1877 (two middle figures first transposed in error) Branch hand divides IN DI Rare and interesting variety VG-F 15.00

1787 14-H Legends punctuated with pheons (arrowheads) Arrowheads on each side of the date VG 7.00

1787 22-g- Very rare variety Struck slightly off-center Very Good. 9.75

1787 33¹⁷-gg² Sharp EF, however some portions weak due to striking from damaged dies 6.75

1787 33³⁴-W¹⁰ Very Good, rare variety 8.75

1787 35-FF VG, however damaged 2.50

1788 2-D Mailed bust right EF, slight pitting. 6.00

1788 21 Good, edge clipped Scarce variety 5.00

1788 11-G Mailed bust left EF 7.50

1788 13 A1 Draped bust left Good 3.50

French Colonies

1721 Sou. Mintmark H Fine 4.95

1722 Sou Mintmark H Fine 4.95

1767 Sou. Fine VF 5.25

1767 Sou Counterstamped RF Very Fine 7.25

Mott Tokens

1789 Thin planchet, Very Fine 9.75

1789 Thick planchet (twice the weight of the thin planchet variety) Fine-Very Fine, a few scratches 6.75

Talbot Allum & Lee Cents

1791 lettered edge Very Good ($5.00) Extremely Fine. 8.50

1791 Talbot Allum & Lee reverse mulled with obverse reading JOHN HOWARD F R S PHILANTHROPIST Fuld #5 Very Fine 27.50

1791 plain edge, dies of Fuld #3 but with unpublished plain edge. Probably unique. From a New York City collection 65.00

Elephant Token

1694 halfpenny GOD PRESERVE LONDON Thick planchet Very Good 11.00

Georgivs Triumpho Token

1783 GEORGIVS TRIUMPHO token Good 3.25

Kentucky Cent

1790 Kentucky cent Plain edge Extremely Fine $15.00, Glossy brown Uncirculated 22.50

North American Token

1781 North American token Very Good 3.50

Franklin Press Cent

1794 Franklin Press EF, light edge clip (done at time of striking) $15.00 AU, also with clip 15.75

Voce Populi

1760 Voce Populi halfpenny Attractive Very Fine 9.00

1760 1700 Voce Populi halfpenny Same dies as the 1700 is pictured in the Guidebook and unpriced Reverse die corrected by alteration of the first zero to a 6 This new 6 is entirely unlike all other 6's used on Voce Populi reverses The only one we have seen, later than the regular 1700 variety. Very Fine 65.00

Pitt Halfpenny

1766 Pitt Halfpenny, Very Fine, quite scarce 17.50

Rhode Island Token

1778 Rhode Island ship token Very Fine 18.00

Restrike of the Rhode Island Ship Token (listed in Kenney's Struck Copies) Toned brass, as issued. 6.75

Castorland Medals

Special offering of these interesting pieces

1796 Castorland medal, restrike in copper, Proof Catalogues $6.00; SPECIAL 3.00

1796 Castorland medal, silver Proof restrike Catalogues $10.00 SPECIAL price of only 5.00

One of each silver and copper Proofs the pair for only 7.50

Five pairs as above for only 32.50

1796 Proof restrike in gold 77.50

Washington Pieces

1783 Military Bust, Fine 5.00

1783 UNITY STATES Very Fine 7.00

1783 Draped Bust Very Good, 1.75

(1783) Double head cent Abt G $2.75 VG $5.00, Sharp VF-EF, scarce in this condition. 17.50

1791 cent, small eagle WASHINGTON PRESIDENT Extremely Fine 17.50

1793 Ship halfpenny Extremely Fine. 14.00

1795 LIBERTY AND SECURITY halfpenny Fine 6.75

SUCCESS TO THE UNITED STATES token, large size Fine Scarcer than its Guidebook listing would indicate 15.00

1795 halfpenny, NORTH WALES Fine scarce 12.50

HALF CENTS

1793 Fully Very Fine, however the obverse has several small corrosion spots. Well struck and sharp in all portions 125.00

1794 Fine obverse, Fair reverse; an inconsistency due to weak striking on one side. Still a nice 1794 half cent 28.00

1795 Very Good 19.50

1795 punctuated date 1,795. Plain edge, pole to cap. Fine, weakly struck reverse 29.00

1797 Fair, all figures in the date readable $7.00, another 1797 with a Fine obverse and a Good (due to weak striking) reverse Gilbert 2 35.00

1800 G $2.75; VG $4.00. Fine $7.50, VF 9.50

1802 Fine, but with severe edge damage. Priced to sell quickly 19.75

1803 VG $3.25; Fine $6.00. Very Fine. 8.00

1804 Abt. Good $1.10, Fine $3.50; Very Fine 4.95

1805 Rare variety with small 5 and stems to wreath Good-Very Good. 22.50

1806 Rare small 6 with stems. Sharp Very Good 22.50

1806 Abt. G $1.25, G $2.25, VG $3.00; Fine $4.50, VF $5.50, EF 6.75

1807 Abt. G $1.30; VG $3.25; Fine $5.00; Very Fine 7.00

1808 Abt. G $1.90. Good $3.00; Very Good. 4.00

1809 Abt. G $1.15; G $1.85, VG $2.25; Fine $3.25, VF 5.00

1810 Abt. Good 2.00

1811 Rare date. Very Good-Fine 19.75

1825 Abt. Fine 2.75

1826 Very Good $2.00, Fine 3.00

1828 Twelve obverse stars. Good $2.50; Very Good 2.95

1828 Thirteen stars. G $1.20, Fine $2.25; VF $3.50, EF $5.00, AU 7.50

1829 Fine $3.00; Extremely Fine. 6.50

1832 VG $2.00 EF $6.50 AU 8.50

1833 Fine, impaired $1.25; EF $6.25, Choice brown Uncirculated 9.50

1834 Fine $2.75; EF 4.50

1835 Very Fine $3.00; Extremely Fine $5.00; Choice brown Uncirculated 8.75

1837 Half Cent token. Scarce. Extremely Fine. 18.75

1849 Large date. EF 14.00

1850 Good $2.25. Fine $5.00; Extremely Fine 9.75

1850 Iridescent toned Proof. Extremely rare, not listed in the Guidebook. A specimen equal to this one realized $175.00 in our sale of November 26, 1958. The specimen offered at this time is from the University of Pennsylvania collection. 16.00

1851 Very Fine $3.50; EF $5.00, Mostly red Uncirculated 9.50

1853 VF $4.00; EF $6.00. Brown Unc 9.75

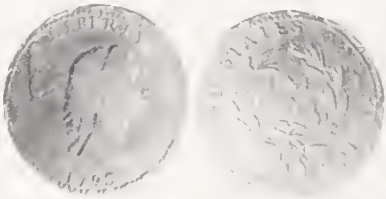
1854 Very Fine $4.50, Extremely Fine 6.00

1855 VF $4.00, EF $6.00, Brilliant Unc 12.00

LARGE CENTS

1793 Chain AMERICA, Fair. Date 1793 visible, but weak. 27.50

1793 Liberty Cap Cent



1793 Liberty Cap cent, Sheldon 13-L. Fully Condition Fine-15. The only impairments are a few insignificant edge bumps. By far the rarest type 1793 cent. This coin is illustrated with the above plate. A really choice cent, and well worth. 125.00

1794 Abt. Good $4.00, Good $8.00, VG 12.50

1794 Sheldon 19a. Rarity 7. Abt. Good 9.00

1794 S-12. Very Fine, but severely impaired by scratches and dents. Rare 9.00

1795 Abt. Good. Special price of 3.95

1795 Good. ONE CENT centered in wreath. 6.75

1796 Sheldon 88. Rarity 6. Fine 15 condition. Natural, slightly rough patina. As a condition 15 coin it is the fifth finest known. New book value is $178.75. Should sell quickly for 117.50

1797 Abt. Good $2.50. Reverse of 1796, gripped edge. Abt. Good, most lettering clear. Scarce 6.95

1798 Abt. Good $1.95. S-104 Abt. G scarce $5.00. S-149 Extremely rare, Fine but severely impaired by scratches $8.00. Reverse of 1796, Scarce variety. Abt. Good, Special price (while 3 specimens last) 7.50

1[illegible]8 Fair, weak date but attributable using Sheldon Guaranteed genuine. 60.00
1800 Abt Good, clear date $2.00; Sheldon 199 Good, weak in spots, Rare 6.00
1802 Good $2.50; Very Good 3.50
1803 Good. 1.95
1804 Mint restrike. Unusual and rare 15.00
1805 pointed 1 variety Choice Extremely Fine. Well struck and well centered 27.50
1806 Abt. Good, scarce 1.75
1807 Abt Good $1.95 1807 6 Abt G $2.25 Comet variety. Good 5.00
1808 Abt. Good. 2.25
1809 rare date Fair $9.50, Good $15.00, Good-Very Good 16.75
1810 9 Sharp Fine-Very Fine 9.00
1810 perfect date. Abt. Good 1.95
1811 Abt. Good 3.95
1811 10 overdate, Good 6.75
1812 Very Good. $3.50, EF-AU; sharp. Small obverse scratch through 8 of date 19.50
1813 Abt. Good $3.75 Good. 5.00
1814 Good $3.00, Very Good 4.50

1816 First year of new type Lustrous brown Uncirculated $19.50; Beautiful red and brown Uncirculated, full lustre. 25.00
1817 Thirteen stars, Good $1.15; Uncirculated, reddish-brown 19.00
1817 Fifteen stars, Good $3.25, VG-Fine 5.00
1818 Good $.95, Very Fine 2.95
1820 die break encircling stars and date Uncirculated, mostly brilliant with full lustre 19.50
1821 scarce date Good $1.00 Very Good 6.00
1822 Good 1.25
1823 scarce date Abt G $7.50; Good $10.00, VG-Fine. 20.00
1827 Fine-Very Fine. 2.75
1828 Small date G $1.75 VF, cleaned. 6.00
1831 Fine-Very Fine 2.75
1834 Fine $3.50; Lge date, sm stars EF 7.50
1835 Small date and stars Very Fine 3.75
1836 VF-EF 4.00
1837 Beaded hair cord VF-EF 4.25
1840 Small date, recut 8 in date VF 4.75
1843 obv. '42 rev '43 Abt G $3.50, Good. 5.75
1843 Very Fine or better 3.25
1846 Uncirculated, red and brown 9.75
1851 over 81 Very Fine 6.50
1851 Choice AU $1.75; Unc., variety not listed in Newcomb 15.00
1852 Red and brown Uncirculated 6.25
1853 Uncirculated brilliant A splendid coin. 12.50

FLYING EAGLE CENTS

1857 Very Fine $4.25, EF 6.75
1858 Large letters Very Fine 5.75
1858 Small letters. VG $1.70, Fine $3.70, VF $5.00, AU 25.00

INDIAN CENTS

1858 transitional issue Obverse and reverse identical to the regular 1859 issue in all respects except the date. Brilliant Uncirculated. Very rare. 235.00
1859 G $.75; VG $1.00, Fine $1.70; VF $4.25; EF 7.50
1860 Fine $1.75; Brilliant Uncirculated 13.50
1861 scarce. Fine $5.50, EF 9.00
1862 VG $1.00; Fine 1.35
1863 VG $.65; Fine $1.00, VF 1.50
1864 copper-nickel Good 1.50
1864 Bronze Good $.75, Brilliant Uncirculated 12.00
1864-L G $7.75, VG $12.50; VF. 27.50
1866 Abt G 2.50
1867 G-VG 3.75
1869 8 Abt Good. 8.50
1869 Good 4.75
1871 Abt G $4.25; Very Good $9.75, Red and Brown Unc 52.50
1872 Good $11.00, Very Good. 15.00
1873 Abt Good .90
1874 Very Good $2.00, AU 14.75
1875 Good $1.70, VF, corrosion 4.25
1876 G $2.40, VG 3.50
1877 rare G $27.50, G-VG 32.00
1877 a beautiful red and brown Uncirculated specimen 167.50
1878 Good $2.40, Brown toned Proof 25.00
1880 Brilliant Unc 7.75
1882 Brilliant Proof 11.75
1883 Brilliant Proof 9.75
1884 Brilliant Proof 15.00
1885 Glossy brown EF $7.50, Brilliant Proof 20.00
1886 ty II Brilliant Proof 14.75
1888 AU 3.00
1889 Unc brown $3.75, Brilliant Proof 10.75

1890 Unc. brown [illegible]
1893-S AU 2.50
1894 Unc. brown $8.50; Brilliant Proof 15.75
1895 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.50
1896 Unc. brown, extensive spotting 4.00
1897 AU 4.00
1898 Brilliant Proof 15.00
1899 Brilliant Proof 15.00
1905 Brilliant Proof 5
1906 Brilliant Proof 9.25
1908 Brilliant Proof 9.75
1908-S Fine $9.75, Very Fine 11.75
1909 Brilliant Proof 13.50
1909-S rare, Fine $59.00, VF $85.00, AU 62.50
Brilliant Uncirculated Indian cent date of our choice. 2.75

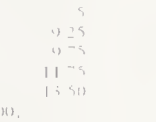
LINCOLN CENTS

1909 no V.D.B. Matte Proof 17.50
1909-S V.D.B. AU 55.00
1910 Matte Proof, scarce 17.50
1910-S Brilliant Uncirculated 12.00
1911 Matte Proof, scarce 17.50
1912-D AU, small reverse planchet defect 18.00
1913 Matte Proof, scarce 17.50
1913-S AU 10.50
1918-S AU 8.00
1919-S AU 3.75
1921-S AU A good buy for only 35.00
1926-D Brilliant Uncirculated 2.25
1927-D Brilliant Uncirculated 2.25
1927-S AU 12.00
1933 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.50
1937 Brilliant Proof Guidebook valuation of $20.00, Special, only 11.75
1943-S Brilliant Unc. Group of five pieces for 3.50

TWO-CENT PIECES

1863 Large motto Good $3.10, Fine $1.00; VF $1.50, EF $2.25; Brilliant Uncirculated 5.00
1865 VG $.60; Fine $1.25, Brilliant Unc. 5.25
1866 VG $1.00 VF $3.00, Brilliant Proof $2.50
1867 G $.60, Fine $2.35, Brilliant Unc. 14.50
1868 G $.60 EF $2.75 Brilliant Unc. $11.00 Brilliant Proof 26.00
1869 EF $7.50 Brilliant Uncirculated 11.75
1870 Abt. G $.95 VG-Fine $2.75 Brilliant Unc. 15.00
1871 G $3.75 AU $14.00 Brilliant Proof [illegible]
1872 Abt. Good $7.00 Brilliant Proof 65.00
1873 Brilliant Proof, rarest date 157.50

NICKEL THREE-CENT PIECES



1865 first year VG-Fine 0.6[illegible]
1866 Fine .90
1868 AU 2.25
1869 Brilliant Proof 19.00
1870 BU $4.75, Brilliant Proof 19.00
1872 Brilliant Proof 22.00
1873 BU $9.50, Brilliant Proof 22.00
1875 Brilliant Proof 30.00
1876 Brilliant Proof 23.75
1878 rare date Only 2,350 Proofs coined none coined for regular circulation Brilliant Proof 57.50
1879 Brilliant Proof 10.50
1880 Brilliant Proof 10.50
1881 Brilliant Proof 10.00
1882 Brilliant Proof 10.00
1883 Brilliant Proof 9.00
1884 Brilliant Proof. 9.50
1885 Brilliant Proof 10.50
1886 Brilliant Proof 10.00
1887 6 overdate Brilliant Proof. 62.50
1888 Brilliant Proof 10.00
1889 last year Brilliant Proof 10.00
Special Three different dates, our choice, of nickel three-cent pieces, Fine 2.25

SILVER THREE-CENT PIECES

1851 Brilliant Uncirculated 10.50
1851-O, scarce type coin Fine $7.50, Brilliant Uncirculated 32.50
1852 VG or better .90
1855 VF, minute edge clip 14.00
1858 VG 1.75
1861 Very Fine 3.75
1862 Brilliant Proof 19.75
1863 Brilliant Proof rare date 72.50
1864 Brilliant Uncirculated, proof-like surface Rare 72.50
1866 Brilliant Proof 27.50
1869 Brilliant Uncirculated $27.50 Brilliant Proof 59.50
1871 Brilliant Proof 37.50
1873 Brilliant Proof Only 600 pieces coined Rare 58.00

NICKELS

Shield type

1867 with rays Fine $15.00 Very Fine 20.00
1867 Brilliant Uncirculated 6.50
1868 Brilliant Uncirculated 8.25
1869 Brilliant Unc $11.00 Brilliant Proof 28.00
1871 Brilliant Proof rare date 155.00
1872 Brilliant Proof 23.00
1874 Brilliant Uncirculated 16.75
1877 Brilliant Proof The rarest date of the series, by far 255.00

Liberty type

1896 Brilliant Proof rare 58.50
1897 Brilliant Unc $9.75 Brilliant Proof 17.50
1899 Brilliant Uncirculated 10.25
1900 Brilliant Unc $9.75, Brilliant Proof 16.75
1908 Brilliant Proof 11.50

Buffalo type

1913 type I Brilliant Unc $1.75, Matte Proof 16.00
1913-S Type I Brilliant Uncirculated 14.50
1918/7-D overdate Good 52.50
1927-S AU, nearly full lustre $55.00 Uncirculated, lightly toned 75.00

HALF DIMES

1829 double stripes on shield Brilliant Unc
1850 EF $1.25 AU $6.50, Brilliant Unc 9.00
1853 AU 4.00
1855 VF $3.00 Brilliant Uncirculated 8.50
1854 Fine $2.00 EF 3.25
1855 VF $1.75, EF $2.65, Brilliant Unc 7.50
1857 bust type base of 5 in date recut Fine 3.50
1857 seated Liberty no stars Abt Unc $12.00 EF 22.00
1858 Large stars VG $1.50 Brilliant Uncirculated 11.00
1858-O Good 11.00
1859 AU $4.25 Brilliant Uncirculated 10.00
1840 no drapery VG-Fine $1.50 VF 2.00
1840 drapery Brilliant Uncirculated 15.00
1841-O Good 1.60
1842 Good $1.00 VF 2.50
1843 G $1.20 heavily recut figures on date, unusual AU 9.75
1845 Fine $1.75, VF $2.00 Brilliant Unc 7.00
1847 VF $2.00, Brilliant Proof, extremely rare 95.00
1848 G $1.00, Fine $1.75 VF $2.50 Brilliant Proof, rare 95.00
1848-O Good 2.00
1849 Very Good 1.00
1849-O rare Fine, but even corrosion which has been partly remedied by cleaning Sharp date and mintmark Worth 15.00
1850 Fine $1.50 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.50
1850-O VG $2.25 Fine, abrasions 2.75
1851 Fine-VF $1.65 high date, figures all touch base of Liberty Brilliant Unc 7.50
1851-O VG $1.65 Brilliant Uncirculated, rare 24.50
1852 VF $1.75, EF 2.00
1853 without arrows at date Brilliant Uncirculated Rare in this condition 15.00
1853 with arrows at date Fine $1.50 VF 2.25
1853-O with arrows, VG $1.25, EF 3.50
1854 EF $1.75, Brilliant Uncirculated 7.00
1854-O Fine 2.00
1855 G-VG $.75 EF 2.50
1855-O Very Fine 1.35
1856 VG $.70, EF $1.75, AU $5.00 Brilliant Uncirculated 6.50
1856-O VG 1.20
1857 VF $.85; EF $1.25 AU $2.50, Brilliant Uncirculated 4.95
1857-O VF $2.25, Brilliant Uncirculated 8.50
1858 VF $1.00 EF $1.75, Brilliant Unc 4.75
1858-O Fine $1.65, Brilliant Unc scarce 9.75
1859-O Brilliant Uncirculated 9.50
1861 Brilliant Unc $5.00 Brilliant Proof, however there is a light scratch in the left obverse field Request to examine this piece, if you don't like it no obligation 10.00
1862 EF $1.25 AU $5.00 Brilliant Uncirculated $6.50, Brilliant Proof 17.00
1861 Brilliant Proof, rare date 77.50
1866 Brilliant Proof 28.50
1866-S Brilliant Uncirculated 26.75
1867 Brilliant Proof 52.50
1867-S Good 2.15
1868 Brilliant Proof 28.25
1868-S Good $1.10 AU $5.50 Brilliant Unc 10.50
1869 VG $1.00 AU $5.00 Brilliant Proof 35.50
1869-S Brilliant Uncirculated 11.50
1870-O G $.70 EF $2.25 Brilliant Proof 18.00

1871 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.00
1871-S AU, obv. chopmark $7.50; Brilliant Uncirculated, rare 40.00
1872-S in wreath. VG or better $1.25, Brilliant Uncirculated. 7.00
1872-S below wreath. Brilliant Uncirculated. 7.75
1873 last year. EF. 2.00
1873-S Fine, chopmark $1.25, AU $4.00; Brilliant Uncirculated 10.50

DIMES

1811, rare variety with STATESOF-AMERICA crowded together as one word Very Good $23.50; Fine. 37.50
1823 2 overdate. Good 2.60
1827 Very Good 2.00
1828 Very Good 3.50
1829 Fine 2.75
1830 AU, a brilliant coin with most original lustre 5.00
1834 Brilliant Uncirculated 11.00
1836 Extremely Fine 3.25
1837 draped bust type. Brilliant Uncirculated 13.50
1837 Liberty seated, no stars. Type coin. Fair $4.00; Good $7.00; Very Good 9.75
1838-O no stars. Good $9.50. Very Good 13.75
1838 small stars. Very Good $4.00; Fine 11.50
1838 large stars. Brilliant Uncirculated 13.75
1839-O Good 2.00
1841 with drapery. Choice AU 5.75
1842 Very Fine 2.50
1842-O Fine 2.75
1843 Extremely Fine 3.25
1848 Very Fine 2.75
1849 Very Good 1.00
1850 VF $1.50; EF 2.50
1853 with arrows. VF $1.40; EF 2.25
1857-O Very Fine 2.00
1859 Brilliant Proof, rare 47.50
1859-O AU, full lustre 5.75
1860 Brilliant Proof, scarce 37.50
1862 Very Fine 2.00
1864 Scarce date Very Fine 8.75
1864-S AU, brilliant Scarce in this preservation 16.50
1868-S scarce Fine 6.75
1870 Brilliant Proof 18.50
1871 Brilliant Proof 18.50
1872 Fine $1.75, EF $3.25; Brilliant Proof 18.50
1872-S Good 4.25
1873 arrows at date Very Fine 6.00
1874 AU choice with nearly all original lustre 12.50
1876 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.00
1877 Brilliant Proof, rare only 510 coined 85.00
1877-CC Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00
1878-CC Brilliant Uncirculated rare 37.50
1884 Brilliant Uncirculated 3.50
1884-S Obv. Fine, reverse Abt. Good 1.50
1886 AU $2.25, Brilliant Proof 11.50
1887 EF $1.75, Brilliant Proof 15.50
1887-S Extremely Fine 3.00
1888-S AU 1.25
1891 Brilliant Uncirculated $3.50, Brilliant Proof 15.50
1891-O Very Good 1.00

Barber type

1892 Brilliant Uncirculated $4.05 Proof, Brilliant obverse, reverse slightly cloudy 20.00
1893 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.75
1893-S Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce 66.50
1894 Brilliant Uncirculated 11.75
1896 Brilliant Proof 46.50
1897-O Very Fine 29.50
1898 Brilliant Proof, special price while a small group lasts 26.50
1902 Brilliant Proof 52.50
1903 Brilliant Proof 27.50
1907-O Brilliant Uncirculated 11.75
1908-D Brilliant Uncirculated 5.75
1908-O Brilliant Uncirculated 15.75
1908-S Brilliant Uncirculated 16.50
1909 Brilliant Proof 27.50
1911-S Brilliant Uncirculated 16.50
1913 Brilliant Uncirculated 6.50

Mercury type

1916-D, rare Abt. Good $17.50; Good $25.00; G-VG $27.50 Very Good. 35.00
1942/1 overdate Fine 32.50

TWENTY-CENT PIECES

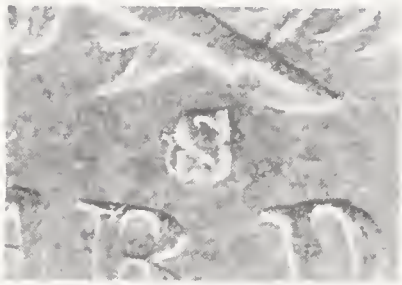
1875 EF $11.50, Brilliant Uncirculated $27.50, Proof, imperfections, but still retains most of the original Proof surface. 52.50
1875-S VG $4.75, Fine $7.50, VF $9.75 EF $10.75, choice AU $12.50, Brilliant Uncirculated 22.50
1875-CC Very Good. 5.50

1876 Choice EF $14.00. Brilliant Uncirculated $27.50. Brilliant Proof 55.00
1878 Brilliant Proof. Rare date 117.50

QUARTERS

1804 Good obverse, however slightly impaired monogram "AM" scratched in right obverse field. Bold, sharp date. Reverse Good, weak at bottom. Rare date and popular type coin. 55.00
1807 Abt. Good, strong date 6.75
1818 Good 5.50
1820 Abt. Good 2.50
1821 Good 5.50
1822 Abt. G $2.75, Good 4.75
1828 error 25c cut over previous 50c. Scarce and difficult to locate. Fine. 42.00
1828 Good. 6.00
1841 Fine $5.95; AU, most original lustre remaining. 12.50
1852 Fine-Very Fine. 3.75
1854 Fine-Very Fine. 3.75
1856 Fine. 3.50
1857 Very Fine. 3.75
1838 draped bust type. Very Fine. 4.75
1839 Very Good 3.00
1841-O Very Good 2.50
1843 Very Fine. 2.75
1844 Fine. 5.50
1847 Fine 2.75
1847-O Good. 1.85
1849 Fine. 2.50
1850 Fine 3.75
1853 arrows at date. Important type coin. VG $1.35; Fine $2.50; VF $3.25. Choice AU 12.50
1853-O VG $2.95. Fine 4.50
1854 VG $1.00; Fine 2.00
1854-O Very Good 1.75
1855 VG $1.00; VF 2.00
1855-O Good. Very scarce date 80.00
1857 Very Fine 1.60
1858 EF $1.95; Brilliant Uncirculated, from an old hoard of these pieces. 5.75
1860 Proof, cloudy obverse. 17.50
1861 VF $1.60; Brilliant Uncirculated 5.75
1862 Brilliant Uncirculated. 5.75
1865 last year of type without motto. Brilliant Unc. 8.25
1870 Brilliant Proof 22.50
1872 Brilliant Proof 25.00
1873 first type of year without arrows. Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00
1873 arrows at date. Very Fine 12.50
1874 with arrows. Brilliant Uncirculated $40.00. Brilliant Proof 82.50
1875 Brilliant Uncirculated 4.50
1876 Brilliant Uncirculated 4.85
1876-CC Brilliant Uncirculated 9.00
18[illegible]-CC Brilliant Uncirculated. 9.00

Rare 1877-S Over S



1877-S Rare variety with vertical S over erroneous horizontal S. Brilliant Uncirculated. This specimen is a gem. An excellent buy for 115.00
1878 Brilliant Uncirculated, proof-like reverse 5.75
1879 rare date. Choice AU $8.75, Brilliant Proof, small nick on lower right obverse edge. Otherwise, it is perfect. 42.50
1881 Brilliant Proof 28.00
1882 Brilliant Proof. 28.00
1884 Brilliant Proof, scarce, total mintage for this date is only 8,875 pieces. 29.75
1888 Brilliant Uncirculated. Rare. Only 10,000 Uncirculated pieces coined. 17.50
1889 Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce. 17.50
1890 Brilliant Uncirculated. 8.50
1891 Brilliant Uncirculated $5.50, Brilliant Proof 32.50

Barber type

1892-O VG $2.00 AU, reverse entirely Brilliant, obverse shows slight rubbing on higher parts. Cheap for only 16.50
1893 Brilliant Uncirculated, $5.75, Brilliant Proof 32.50
1893-O AU or perhaps a better description would be "Uncirculated, poorly cleaned". Catalogs $27.50 in Uncirculated condition. This piece. 16.50
1894 Brilliant Proof 31.00
1897 Brilliant Proof 39.50
1897-O Good. 1.00
1897-S Good. 1.50
1898 Brilliant Proof 39.50
1899 Brilliant Uncirculated $7.50, Brilliant Proof 32.25
1900 Brilliant Unc. 6.75

1902 Very Fine 1.00
1903 Brilliant Proof 2.25
1904 Brilliant Proof 87.50
1905-S Brilliant Uncirculated, rare so choice 45.00
1906 Proof, fully brilliant, but has several minute scratches on the obverse. Ask to see this one 22.50
1907 Brilliant Proof. Choice Proof Barber quarters like the ones offered here are becoming difficult to obtain 37.50
1909 Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00
1909-D AU, prooflike surface 5.00
1909-S Brilliant Uncirculated scarce 29.75
1911 AU, would be Brilliant Uncirculated except for the slightest rubbing on the obverse 4.75
1911 Brilliant Proof. $1.50
1912 Brilliant Uncirculated $6.75, Brilliant Proof 11.75
1912-S Brilliant Uncirculated. Scarce 79.50
1913-D Brilliant Uncirculated 14.00
1914 Brilliant Uncirculated 10.75
1914-S Brilliant Uncirculated. Rare in Gem condition, like this one 145.00
1915 AU, brilliant 7.50
1916-D Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00

Liberty standing type

1916 first year of issue. Rare, only 52,000 pieces coined. Brilliant Uncirculated. 247.50
1917 type I, no stars under eagle. Brilliant Unc. 5.75
1917-D type I. Brilliant Uncirculated 17.50
1918 Brilliant Uncirculated. Catalogs $37.50; special price (while a small supply lasts) $1.50
1919 Brilliant Uncirculated. 24.00
1920 AU, lustre 4.75
1921 Brilliant Uncirculated 7.50
1925 Brilliant Uncirculated 5.75
1926-D Brilliant Uncirculated 1.85
1926-S VG or better $1.25. Five specimens for 4.75
1926-S Very Fine, sharp $12.00, Uncirculated, choice except for the slightest rubbing on the highest parts. Catalogs $80.00. This one is a good buy for 55.00
1928-D Brilliant Uncirculated 1.50
1929 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.50
1929-S Brilliant Uncirculated 6.50
1930 last year. Brilliant Uncirculated 3.75

Washington type

1932 Brilliant Uncirculated, special price of 3.75
1932-D Fine or better 8.25
1932-S Choice EF 1.50
1935-S Brilliant Uncirculated 2.25
1936-D Brilliant Uncirculated 17.50
1937 Brilliant Uncirculated 1.50
1938 Brilliant Uncirculated 18.00
1940 Brilliant Uncirculated 3.50
1940-D Brilliant Uncirculated 6.50

HALF DOLLARS

1795 Good $22.50, Very Good 27.50
1802 Abt. Fine 3.50
1803 Sharp Very Fine, scarce 50.00
1805 Very Good, initial "A" lightly scratched on obverse 4.75
1806 round top 6. Abt. Fine 10.00
1806 pointed 6, stem through claw. Fine 13.00
1807 head right, old type. 1807 VG, holed $8.00, Good $5.50, Very Good 9.00
1808 Very Fine, sharp 8.00
1809 Very Good 2.50
1811 punctuated date 18.11. VF-EF $12.00, large 8 Fine-Very Fine 4.00
1812 Uncirculated, cabinet friction on highest obverse parts. Fully brilliant 15.00
1813 AU, weakly struck $14.00, Rare variety with reverse error, 50c cut over previous LNL (See the article "Blundered Dies of U.S. Coins" in Empire Topics #5) Very Fine 40.00
1814 Fine-Very Fine $4.75, Brilliant Uncirculated. This gem is well worth our price of 27.50
1817 Very Good 2.50
1818 VF $5.50, EF 5.50
1819 VG $2.50, Very Fine 4.00
1819/8 overdate. Very Fine 6.00
1821 Fine $5.00, AU, lustre 12.00
1822 1 overdate. Rare variety. VF-EF 60.00
1822 Fine 3.50
1823 Fine $5.50, VF $5.00, EF 7.00
1824 1 overdate. Fine $4.00, VF 6.00
1824 VG $2.00, Fine $3.00, VF $4.00, EF 5.00
1825 Fine $5.00, Very Fine 4.00
1826 Fine $3.00, VF $4.00, EF $4.75, AU 7.00
1827 7 overdate. Extremely Fine 25.00
1827 square base 2. VG $2.50, Fine $3.50, VF $4.25, EF 8.00

1828 curl base 2 Fine $5.00 VF $8.00 AU 15.00

1828 square 2 small 8 Fine $5 VF 1.50

1828 rare curl-base knobbed 2 variety Fine, several rim imperfections 22.50

1829 F VF-EF 12.50

1829 VG $2.00 Fine $8.00, VF 4.00

1830 VF $4.00, AU $6.75 Brilliant Unc 9.50

1831 Very Fine 5.50

1832 small letters VF $4.00 AU 6.75

1833 VF $3.25, EF 5.25

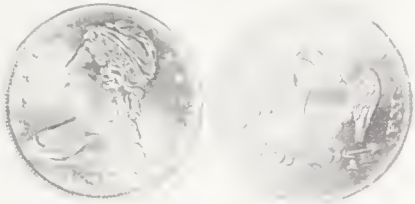
1834 Any variety except large date large letters Fine $2.75 VF $5.50 EF 4.50

1834 Small date, large stars Choice AU 6.50

1835 Fine $2.75, VF $3.50, AU 6.50

1836 lettered edge Very Fine 2.75

1836 Rare type with reeded edge and 50 CENTS on reverse VF-EF 75.00



1837 VF $8.50 AU $12.50 Brilliant Uncirculated 25.00

1838 EF, mint lustre $14.00 Brilliant Uncirculated 35.50

1839 draped bust type VG $5.00, EF $12.50 Brilliant Uncirculated 41.50

1839-O popular type due to obverse mintmark VF $75.00 EF 95.00

1839 Liberty seated type With drapery Very Good $5.75 VF-EF 10.00

1839 Without drapery Very Fine or better 27.50

1840 VG $5.00, AU 13.00

1840-O VG $5.00 Very Fine plus 9.00

1842 large date VG $2.00, Small date EF 6.50

1843 Extremely Fine 6.25

1844 Extremely Fine 6.00

1846 small date Extremely Fine 6.00

1846-O small date Very Fine 5.00

1847-O Extremely Fine 8.00

1849 Very Fine plus 6.75

1849-O Very Fine 6.00

1850-O Extremely Fine 10.00

1853 Arrows at date, rays on reverse Important type coin VG $2.50, VF $5.00 Brilliant Uncirculated 32.50

1853-O VG $4.00 Very Fine 9.00

1854 arrows at date Fine $4.50 VF $8.00 AU 8.00

1854-O G $1.60 VG $2.00 Fine $3.50, EF 6.00

1855 arrows Extremely Fine 8.00

1855-O EF $7.00, Brilliant Uncirculated 15.50

1856 Very Fine 8.00

1858 Very Fine $3.00 Brilliant Uncirculated, weakly struck 7.00

1858-O Good $1.50, Extremely Fine 6.00

1859 Extremely Fine 5.00

1859-S scarce Fine, initials on obv $5.00, choice Very Fine 11.50

1860 AU 5.00

1860-O EF $4.50 Brilliant Uncirculated 9.75

1861 EF $4.50, Brilliant Uncirculated 8.00

1861-O Very Fine 4.00

1861 Confederate States of America half dollar Restrike made by J. W. Scott in 1879 Uncirculated, finer than the specimen in our sale of March 31st A total coinage of only five-hundred pieces combined with the growing interest in Confederate material should make this coin an excellent investment 325.00

1862-S Good $2.00, VF-EF 10.00

1863 Brilliant Uncirculated 10.00

1863-S VG $2.00, Extremely Fine 8.00

1864 Extremely Fine 4.50

1864-S Extremely Fine 8.00

1865-S Very Fine 5.00

1866-S The very rare type without motto over the eagle A choice Very Fine coin 79.50

1866-S with motto, Good $2.50 Fine 5.50

1867-S Fine 4.00

1868-S Fine 4.00

1869 AU, all original lustre remaining 10.00

1869-S Extremely Fine 9.00

1870-CC Fine condition The second rarest Carson City Mint half dollar 55.00

1870-S Extremely Fine 15.00

1871-S VG $2.50, choice AU 16.00

1872-CC scarce Very Good 22.00

1874 Brilliant Uncirculated a few bag markings Should sell quickly for 89.50

1875 Brilliant Uncirculated 8.50

1875-S Brilliant Uncirculated 12.50

1876-CC AU 6.50

[illegible] Brilliant Uncirculated 9.25

1877-S full drapery at elbow. G $1.50, VG $2.00, Very Fine 5.50

1877-S partial drapery at elbow. Brilliant Unc 15.00

1877-S no drapery, scarce. Brilliant Uncirculated 57.50

1879 Brilliant Proof. Proofs of this date customarily show a slight graininess or cartwheel effect reminiscent of mint lustre. This one does not. A gem as such 57.50

1882 Brilliant Proof 52.50

1888 Brilliant Proof 55.00

1889 Brilliant Proof 62.50

1890 Brilliant Proof 87.50

Barber Type

1892-O Uncirculated, just the barest trace of rubbing on the highest parts. Really choice $57.50; Brilliant Uncirculated 72.50

1893-S Good 9.50

1894 Brilliant Uncirculated, small nick on cheek 13.50

1894-S Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce. 83.50

1899-O Brilliant Uncirculated, scarce 72.50

1900 AU, full lustre $8.00, Brilliant Proof 47.50

1901 Brilliant Proof 52.50

1903 Brilliant Proof 52.50

1904 Brilliant Proof 57.50

1905-S choice AU $55.00, BU, a few slide marks on cheek 52.50

1906-D Very Fine 3.50

1906-S Extremely Fine $12.00, Brilliant Uncirculated, rare 69.75

1907-O Brilliant Uncirculated 17.50

1907-S EF-AU 15.00

1908-D AU 7.50

1908-O Unc., bagmarks $9.75; Brilliant Unc 16.75

1910 Good $2.00; VG 3.00

1911 Brilliant Unc 11.50

1911-D Brilliant Uncirculated 32.75

1912 Brilliant Unc 12.00

1912-D Brilliant Uncirculated 17.50

1915 scarce date. Good $6.00, VG $7.50, Fine $11.50, Brilliant Proof rare 189.50

1915-D Brilliant Uncirculated 24.50

1914 rarest date of the Barber half dollar series. Good $7.00, Very Good $10.00, Brilliant Proof, rare 395.00

1915 Good, Very Good $6.50, Very Good 9.00

1915-S Brilliant Uncirculated 23.50

Liberty Walking type

1916 AU $8.00, Brilliant Uncirculated 18.00

1916-D Brilliant Uncirculated 22.00

1917 Brilliant Uncirculated 9.00

1917-D on obverse. Choice EF $8.00, Brilliant Uncirculated 39.50

1917-S on reverse. AU 55.00

1918 EF-AU, original lustre 16.00

1918-S AU, original lustre 29.50

1920 Brilliant Uncirculated 78.00

1927-S Brilliant Uncirculated 46.50

1929-D Brilliant Uncirculated 21.00

1929-S Brilliant Uncirculated 23.50

1934 Brilliant Uncirculated 2.95

1934-D Brilliant Uncirculated 4.50

1934-S Brilliant Uncirculated 29.50

1935 Brilliant Uncirculated 2.95

1935-D Brilliant Uncirculated 13.50

1935-S Brilliant Uncirculated 27.50

1936 Brilliant Uncirculated 2.00

1936-D Brilliant Uncirculated 2.50

1936-S Brilliant Uncirculated 13.50

1937 Brilliant Uncirculated 2.50

1937-D Brilliant Uncirculated 13.25

1937-S Brilliant Uncirculated 12.25

1938 Brilliant Uncirculated ... 2.95

1938-D Brilliant Uncirculated. Third rarest date (from a mintage standpoint) of the 1916-1947 series 29.50

1939 Brilliant Uncirculated 2.95

1939-S Brilliant Uncirculated 5.75

1940-S Brilliant Uncirculated 2.95

Ten different Brilliant Uncirculated Liberty Walking half dollars, our choice of dates, 10 coins 15.00

Franklin type

1948 Brilliant Uncirculated, first year 2.75

1949 Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00

Commemorative Half Dollars

1892 Columbian, Brilliant Uncirculated 1.90

1918 Lincoln Brilliant Uncirculated 7.50
1920 Pilgrim Brilliant Uncirculated 5.00
1921 Pilgrim Brilliant Uncirculated 6.75
1923 Monroe Doctrine Brilliant Unc 5.50
1924 Huguenot, Brilliant Uncirculated 6.75
1925 California Brilliant Uncirculated 7.50
1926 Sesquicentennial, Brilliant Uncirculated 5.50
Oregon Trail Date of our choice Brilliant Unc 3.95
Oregon 1936-S Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00
Texas, Date of our choice Brilliant Uncirculated 4.75
Daniel Boone Date of our choice Brilliant Unc. 4.95
1935-D Arkansas, Brilliant Uncirculated 6.00
1936-D San Diego Brilliant Uncirculated 6.25
1936 Rhode Island Brilliant Uncirculated 5.75
1936 Cincinnati, type coin Brilliant Unc 26.50
1936 Long Island Brilliant Uncirculated 4.75
1936 York, Maine Brilliant Uncirculated 7.50
1936 Elgin Brilliant Uncirculated 11.25
1936 Albany, N. Y. Brilliant Uncirculated 19.75
1936 Columbia, Brilliant Uncirculated 25.50
1936 Gettysburg, Brilliant Uncirculated 15.25
1937 Roanoke, Brilliant Uncirculated 8.50
Booker T. Washington, date of our choice BU 1.25
G. W. Carver, Date of our choice, Brilliant Unc 1.10

SILVER DOLLARS

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1798 Very Fine 33.50
1799 VG $21.00 Fine $25.50, Bolender #22, very rare variety Die break bisects reverse VF better than the Bolender plate coin 6.00
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1847 Very Fine $15.25 Brilliant Uncirculated 51.00
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1888 Brilliant Proof 55.00
1892 Brilliant Proof 45.00
1894 Brilliant Proof 49.50
1896 Brilliant Proof 57.50
1899 Brilliant Proof 57.50
1900 Brilliant Proof 52.50
1903 Brilliant Proof 57.50

TRADE DOLLARS

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1875 Brilliant Proof 75.00

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1875-CC AU, light discoloring on reverse, scarce 22.50

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1876-CC Extremely Fine, scarce date 17.50

1877 EF $8.75, Brilliant Uncirculated 14.25

1877-S VF-EF 7.50

1877-CC Rare. Extremely Fine 42.50

1878 Brilliant Proof, scarce 64.50

1878-S AU, prooflike fields 12.50

1879 Brilliant Proof, scarce 54.50

1880 Brilliant Proof, scarce 51.00

1881 Brilliant Proof 58.50

1883 Brilliant Proof. Several auction records in excess of $75.00; an 1883 in our sale of November 26, 1958 sold for $88.00. Popular as the last readily obtainable date of the trade dollars 7.50

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We offer a number of special groups of Civil War cents, all duplicates from the unequalled collection of Dr. George Fuld of Wakefield, Massachusetts. Dr. Fulds new reference work on this series (which replaces the obsolete and seldom available book by Hetrich and Guttag) is currently appearing in serial form in the "Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine." In the near future Whitman Publishing Company will issue bound copies. The publishing of a much-needed reference on the series together with the coming of the Civil War centennial years will undoubtedly enhance both the interest and the value of these pieces. We offer the following specialized groups from the Fuld collection:

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(A) Collection of 521 different Civil War cents of the patriotic type struck in copper. The majority of the

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This issue concludes the article, The Transitional Coins of America, started in Empire Topics #5. An enumeration is given of all transitional coins, from cents to double eagles. Descriptions are given of each issue, together with appropriate historical information. The first part of this article covered transitional cents and the 1863 transitional two-cent piece. This issue continues the listing, beginning with shield type nickels.

The Transitional Coins of America

NICKEL FIVE-CENT PIECES

Shield type

(9) Seldom seen, but in great demand whenever offered, is the 1865 shield nickel with rays-the exact type of 1866. The reverse die, showing a plain center dot, is the same die used for regular 1866 Proofs. This coin is extremely rare. There are fewer than ten specimens known all Proofs.

(10) Slightly rarer than #9 is the 1865 nickel without rays, the exact type of the 1867 without rays nickel. These pieces are rarely encountered. All are Proofs.

(11) The successor to the above coin (#10) is the 1866 nickel without rays, exactly like the type of 1867, the regular issue a year later. About five specimens are known, all Proofs.

Liberty head type

(12) The 1882 Liberty nickel, the exact type of 1883 without CENTS, has lately created considerable interest. Perhaps it all started at the Central States Numismatic Society convention a year or two ago when a single specimen of this coin, in solitary splendor in a display case, won a convention prize. At any rate, many collectors have seen fit to start their Liberty nickel sets with the 1882. About sixty are known, all Proofs.

HALF DIMES

(13) The 1859 half dime obverse of 1859 and reverse of 1860, was one of the first transitional coins to be popularized. It is known only in Proof condition. About twenty-five specimens have been accounted for.

(14) The 1860 half dime of the same type as #13, obverse type of 1859, reverse of 1860, is known only in Uncirculated condition. Snowden's Mint Manual lists them and says that one hundred specimens were struck. If this figure is correct, then nearly the entire mintage still exists. A hoard of twenty pieces existed before 1955, but this evidently has been dispersed.

DIMES

Liberty Seated type

(15) One of the costliest of all transitionals today is the 1859 dime with the regular obverse of the year and the reverse of 1860, a year later. All specimens seen are Proofs; some fifteen or twenty in all exist.

Barber type

(16) The only other transitional dime is the 1891 Barber type, exactly like the regular issue of 1892. Only two specimens are now known and these are in the Mint collection in the Smithsonian Institution.

QUARTERS

(17) The first of the transitional quarters is the well-known Liberty seated issue of 1863 with the motto IN GOD WE TRUST on a scroll over the eagle as on regular issues of 1866 to 1891. The twelve or so known specimens are in Proof condition.

(18) The 1864 transitional quarters with IN GOD WE TRUST are slightly rarer than the 1865's. There are fewer than ten examples known, all Proofs. We have seen two of these struck on defective (cracked) planchets.

(19) There are about twelve 1865 IN GOD WE TRUST transitional quarters known, all Proofs.

HALF DOLLARS

Draped Bust type with reeded edge

(20) The familiar 1836 reeded edge half dollar, the type of 1837, is the first transitional coin of this denomination. These were originally issued in two conditions, Uncirculated and Proof, from the same pair of dies at different times. Seven Proofs are definitely accounted for today, although a few additional ones may exist. Three hundred or so are known in a combination of Uncirculated, Very Fine, Fine, etc. conditions. All in conditions below Uncirculated are specimens remaining from a quantity of Uncirculated ones (apparently over one thousand of them) placed in circulation as regular half dollars, a procedure used also to dispose of many Gobrecht dollars.

Liberty Seated type

(21) The first Liberty seated transitional half dollar is dated 1838, one year before the design was used for regular half dollar coinage. The reverse is that of the regular 1837 bust type and reads 50 CENTS. Only three specimens are now known, all Proofs. It is doubtful if more than five pieces were struck.

(22) The other 1838 Liberty seated transitional half dollar has the regular reverse of the year found on the bust type coins and reads HALF DOL. Early (Adams-Woodin, 1913) estimates of this piece gave four to five as the number known. This appears to be an error

We know of only one specimen, the one in the Smithsonian. If others exist they have not appeared in any large auction since 1859 or have not been publicly offered.

(23) Next among the transitional half dollars comes the 1863 with the IN GOD WE TRUST motto as adopted in 1866. We would estimate that ten are known, all Proofs.

(24) The 1864 is the rarest of the IN GOD WE TRUST transitionals in silver (We are not concerned with base metal strikings of transitionals). Proskey, in an 1892 catalogue of pattern and experimental pieces, said of lot 49 an 1864 set comprising the silver dollar, half dollar, and quarter with motto, that not over five such sets were known. This is not far from the truth. There are five or six 1864 halves known today, all Proofs. For some unknown reason the 1864 is nearly twice as rare as the other half dollars which precede (#23) and follow (#25) it.

(25) There are about twelve 1865 transitional halves with motto IN GOD WE TRUST known. All are Proofs. This coin was listed in the 1949 Guidebook at $150.00 but, for some reason, it is not listed now.

Barber type

(26) The only other true transitional half dollar we know is the Barber coin dated 1891, the exact type of 1892. The two known specimens are in the Smithsonian collection. (We did not list the 1891 Barber quarter as the reverse design is different from the adopted 1892 coin.)

SILVER DOLLARS

(27) As with the quarters and halves of 1863 we have an IN GOD WE TRUST transitional dollar. There are about twelve of these 1863 dollars known. All are in Proof condition.

(28) The 1864 IN GOD WE TRUST transitional dollar is quite rare. Apparently there are only five or six known specimens. Like the 1863 and 1865 it comes only in Proof condition.

(29) The last year of the 1863-1864-1865 transitional dollars is the 1865 with reverse motto IN GOD WE TRUST. About fifteen are known, all Proofs.

HALF EAGLES

(30) The only transitional five-dollar gold piece is the 1865 with motto IN GOD WE TRUST above the eagle, the type regularly used from 1866 to 1908. This piece is extremely rare. Not more than three, if that many, are known to exist. One set of the transitional gold coins (half eagle, eagle and double eagle of 1865 with motto) was in the William H. Woodin collection. This set subsequently went to the Newcomer collection. As all of the transitional gold coins are, for practical purposes, unobtainable, interested collectors will have to be satisfied with silver or copper trial pieces.

EAGLES

(51) The only transitional ten-dollar gold piece is the 1866 with motto IN GOD WE TRUST as adopted in 1866. This piece is of extreme rarity, and we doubt if more than two or three exist.

DOUBLE EAGLES

(52) The 1849 twenty-dollar gold piece is one of the most desirable coins in the entire range of United States coins. Of the several gold 1849's reported struck only one is known today, the specimen in the Smithsonian Institution. When the writer visited the Smithsonian three years ago the 1849 was one of a group of twenty-dollar pieces of different dates on display. No mention was made to distinguish the 1849 from the nearby 1850, so the most desirable coin on display (from a collector's standpoint) is likely to go unnoticed by the average viewer.

When double eagles of this design were regularly issued in 1850 the relief was lowered to provide for easier handling and better stacking. The same lowering of relief was used nearly sixty years later with the MCMVII high relief St. Gaudens twenty dollar pieces.

(53) Now that the 1861 Paquet reverse twenty-dollar gold piece has been accepted as a regular issue (although it was issued in very limited quantities), the 1860 double eagle with the Paquet reverse now becomes a transitional coin. This unique 1860 piece in gold was not listed by Adams and Woodin in their 1913 enumeration. This piece is now in the Smithsonian. Copper trial pieces of the Paquet design dated 1859 and 1860 are available (AW-281 and 320). No transitional issue (struck in gold, the regular metal of coinage) dated 1859 is known.

(54) The 1865 double eagle with reverse motto IN GOD WE TRUST is extremely rare. Not more than three are known.

(55) Our description of transitional coins ends with the two little-known and likewise unobtainable transitional double eagles of 1876. The first of these has the head of 1877 (identifiable as the coronet point is about midway between the sixth and seventh stars) and the regular reverse reading TWENTY D. The date is high in the field and LIBERTY is very near the beads on the coronet. Only one gold specimen is known. Hazeltine and Nagy sold it to Woodin for one thousand dollars in 1909. It is mentioned in Adams 1909 Official Premium List. This specimen later passed to the Newcomer collection.

(56) The other 1876 twenty-dollar transitional piece has a similar obverse to #54 except with a lower date and LIBERTY far from the coronet beads. The reverse is the adopted reverse of 1877; TWENTY DOLLARS. As with the above piece (#55) Hazeltine and Nagy sold this unique item to Woodin for one thousand dollars. Like its companion, this piece also later went to Newcomer. Both #55 and #56 are illustrated on page 1[illegible] of the 1909 Numismatist.

The thirty-six pieces described here make up one the most fascinating and interesting series in the entire American coinage—a series probably not exceeded in difficulty by any other of its length. Fortunately, most of the transitionals from the cent to the silver dollar are available, although some patience is needed to locate some of the more elusive ones. Even a reasonably complete grouping of these transitionals will make a satisfying and prize-winning display. The interest in a collection of a particular series is always enhanced if it contains the appropriate transitional issues.

From our research department

NEW VARIETY OF THE 1786 DATE UNDER PLOW BEAM NEW JERSEY CENT

We have discovered a new variety of the 1786 New Jersey cent, type with date under the plow beam. The discovery coin, in Good condition, has the obverse Maris #7 as found on the Maris 7-F date under plow beam New Jersey cent. The reverse is that which Maris designated as "C" and which is found combined with the rare IMMUNIS COLUMBIA, GEN WASHINGTON and E PLURIBUS UNUM-Eagle obverses. This new variety will be designated as Maris "7-C".

This brings the number of different dates under plow beam New Jersey cent varieties to three—Maris "7-C", 7-F and 8-F. Variety 8-F (date slopes upward) is illustrated in the Guidebook on page 33. The Standard Catalogue illustrates both 7-F (date slopes downward and 8-F cents on page 25. Four specimens of the 7-F are known. Two are known of the 8-F. The "7-C" is unique.

The "7-C" is an important discovery. The IMMUNIS COLUMBIA, GEN WASHINGTON and E PLURIBUS UNUM-Eagle coins are believed to have been struck in Birmingham, England in 1786. The fact that the reverse of these coins is found on the new "7-C" lends color to the theory that the date under plow beam cents were struck in England also—perhaps as patterns for the New Jersey state coinage.

COIN QUIZ

Test your numismatic knowledge. Below are questions of general interest in United States numismatics. Score yourself as follows: 8 to 10 correct, excellent; 5 to 7 correct, good; 0 to 4, better start studying.

1. Where is the motto IN GOD WE TRUST located on the Morgan type silver dollar?
   (A) On the reverse, above the eagle (B) On the reverse, below the eagle (C) On the obverse, above Liberty (D) Does not appear on the Morgan type dollar.

2. Which of the following cents has the lowest mintage?
   (A) 1857 Indian cent (B) 1909-S Indian cent (C) 1909-S V. D. B. Lincoln cent (D) 1931-S Lincoln cent.

3. Which of the following denominations was not coined in 1922?
   (A) cent (B) quarter (C) dollar (D) $20 gold piece.

4. In what year were Fugio cents struck?
   (A) 1723 (B) 1776 (C) 1787 (D) 1792

5. Wass, Molitor & Company is best remembered for . . .
   (A) round $50 gold slugs (B) gold assay bars (B) small California gold dollars and quarters (D) Oregon "beaver" gold coins

6. All but one of the following coins have heraldic eagle reverses. Which one does not?
   (A) 1804 silver dollar (B) 1796 quarter eagle (C) 1802 half dime (D) 1797 half dollar

7. Who designed the Roosevelt dime?
   (A) A. A. Weinman (B) Felix Schlag (C) John Flanagan (D) John Sinnock.

8. In what span of years were the small type I gold dollars coined?
   (A) 1854 to 1856 (B) 1849 to 1854 (C) 1849 to 1876 (D) 1856 to 1889

9. Which of the following commemorative half dollars was coined in 1927?
   (A) Oregon Trail (B) Vermont (C) Hawaiian (D) Old Spanish Trail

10. How many coins are in an 1898 silver and copper Proof set?
    (A) five (B) six (C) seven (D) eight.

Answers To Coin Quiz

1-A, 2-B, 3-B, 4-C, 5-A, 6-D, 7-D, 8-B, 9-B, 10-B.

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